

REMARKS

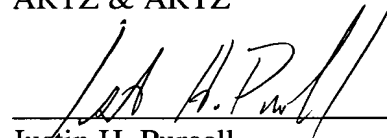
In the Office Action, all of the pending claims, namely claims 1-19, were provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double-patenting in view of copending application, Serial No. 09/995503.

In response, a Terminal Disclaimer signed by the assignee owner of the present application, as well as the copending application, is being submitted herewith. It is submitted that the enclosed Terminal Disclaimer obviates the double-patenting rejection and that it should be withdrawn.

Inasmuch as the double-patenting rejection was the only rejection of all of the claims, it is respectfully requested that all of the claims are now allowable and should be passed to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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